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Ms. Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

We are filing, herewith, for effect July 20, 2006, tariff material consisting of:

#### RI PUC No. 15

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This Integrated Services Digital Network – Primary Rate Interface (ISDN PRI) tariff filing proposes the following revisions to the existing Rhode Island ISDN PRI tariff:

- The grandfathering of the existing three (3) year term rates for the standard ISDN PRI Port and the Calling Line Identification with Name feature.
- The elimination of the requirement for the customer to complete an Application for Service when subscribing to service via a Volume & Term arrangement.
- A change in the regulations regarding the relocation of service and a change to allow for transfer of service.
- The elimination of Enhanced ISDN PRI Hub Service.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Frances O'Neill-Cunha of my staff at 401 525-3560.

Enclosed are an original and nine copies of the tariff material. Please return a copy of this letter with your stamp of receipt.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa L. O'Brien

Attachments

## ISDN PRI Service Tariff Revisions and ISDN PRI Hub Service Elimination

#### Verizon Rhode Island

#### **Executive Summary**

#### Overview

Integrated Services Digital Network - Primary Rate Interface (ISDN PRI) is a high capacity access path for communications providing voice or data transmission on the public network. Each PRI pipe is comprised of 24 channels (23B + 1D) for a total transmission capacity of 1.544 MBPS.

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#### **Description**

# I. The grandfathering of the existing three (3) - year term rates for the standard ISDN PRI Port and the Calling Line Identification with Name feature

The three-year standard term rates for the PRI Interface Arrangement, Access Facility, and Calling Line Identification with Name optional features will no longer be offered for new service activation. New PRI customers may subscribe to the lower priced,

Volume and Term rates. Existing standard 3-year term customers may migrate to the Volume & Term three-year rate provided the total value of the new term is greater than or equal to the remaining value of their current agreement.

# II. The elimination of the requirement for the customer to complete an Application for Service when subscribing to service via a Volume & Term arrangement.

Currently, customers subscribing to ISDN PRI under a Variable Term Payment Plan (VTPP) are required to sign an Application for Service. Verizon has found this to be an unnecessary step in the sales process, and, as such, the Application for Service will no longer be required.

# III. A change in the regulations regarding the relocation of service and a change to allow for transfer of service.

The regulations regarding the relocation of service are revised to address the relocation of ISDN PRI Service to a different state and to allow for the application of installation charges in the case of instate relocation where installation charges were not charged at the original location. The tariff is also revised to allow for the transfer of service, thus providing customers with greater flexibility and increased incentive to retain ISDN PRI Service in a marketplace that is ever changing with fast-paced mergers and company buyouts.

#### IV. The elimination of Enhanced ISDN PRI Hub Service.

Enhanced ISDN PRI Hub Service is removed from the Rhode Island tariff. ISDN PRI Hub Service provides customers with single number dial-up access to the customer's data location. With the growing movement to broadband services, this offering is no longer an attractive alternative for customers. Currently, there are no subscribers to Enhanced ISDN PRI Hub Service, and, therefore, the elimination of the offering has no customer impact.

## 10. Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services

#### 10.6 ISDN Primary Service

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10.6.	9 Variable Term Payment Plan (VTPP)	1
A.	Monthly rates and S&E charges for the ISDN primary port, local distribution channel (including the interoffice channel, if required), and certain optional features are offered under the VTPP described herein and in Part A, Section 1. The VTPP monthly rates and S&E charges are payable over the following Optional Payment Periods (OPP) as selected by the customer.	
1.	The OPPs for monthly rates are month-to-month, 36-months, and 60-months. The 36 month OPP rates for the Port and Calling Line Identification with Name are limited to existing customers of record on or before July 20, 2006. No moves or changes will be permitted to the current location or existing plan. VTPP Volume plan rates are for 24 months and 36 months.	(C)
a.	The available OPP for S&E charges is 60 months. An OPP may not be established only for S&E charges. The monthly rates for the ports and local distribution channels must also be included.	(D)
b.	The total number of S&E charges in an OPP must not exceed the total number of ports and local distribution channels included in the OPP.	
C.	The OPP selected for S&E charges may not exceed the OPP established for monthly rates.	
2.	The S&E charges for an initial local distribution channel provided under a 36-month or 60-month OPP or a 24- or 36-month Corporate Rewards plan or a VTPP Volume plan reflect a 100% discount.	
3.	The S&E charge for a port provided under a 60-month OPP or on a 24- or 36-month Corporate Rewards plan or a VTPP Volume plan reflect a 100% discount.	(D)
4.	The S&E charge for the following optional features provided under a 36-month or 60-month OPP or on a 24-or 36-month Corporate Rewards plan or a VTPP Volume plan reflect a 100% discount:	
a.	Calling Line Identification (VTTP or Corporate Rewards) or Calling Line Identification with Name (60-month OPP, VTTP or Corporate Rewards).	(C) (C)
b.	Two B Channel Transfer	
c.	Redirecting Number	
d.	Modified Redirecting Number	
e.	Optional Feature Package	
f.	Intercom Capability Package	
5.	Corporate Rewards 2- or 3-year plan and VTTP Volume plan customers may subscribe to Calling Line Identification or Calling Line Identification with Name at term rates.	
B.	Two-year payment plan customers may subscribe to three-year payment plan optional features.	
C.	VTPP (Variable Term Pricing Plan) provides the option to subscribe to three separate volume PRI packages for two or three years. The available packages are:	
	Package 1 - 1 to 10 PRIs	
	Package 2 - 11 to 20 PRIs	
	Package 3 - 21+ PRIs	
D.	<b>Termination Liability</b> — If a customer terminates service or cancels an OPP before the expiration of a commitment period, the customer is subject to a termination liability charge. If a customer terminates service prior to a minimum service period of one (1) year, the minimum service period charges apply.	(T)
1.	Termination charges applicable to ISDN primary service are dependent upon the payment plan	

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selected by the customer (refer to Exhibit 10.6.9-1).

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E.	When an ISDN primary VTPP customer served from a foreign exchange or foreign central office requests to have service provided from the customer's normal central office when facilities become available in the normal central office, termination liability charges will not apply as long as the quantity of ports and local distribution channels is maintained. The expiration date of the payment period will not change, except when the expiration date would be less than three months from the requested date for service from the normal central office; in this case, the expiration date will be extended to three months from the requested date for service from the normal central office.	(C) (C)
F.	No additional mileage charges apply for the Local Distribution Channel for ISDN Primary Service when provided as part of a 2- or 3-year Corporate Rewards plan or a 2- or 3-year VTPP Volume plan.	
G.	Customers with an existing PRI payment plan may convert to a new payment plan without incurring termination liability charges provided the value of the new payment plan is equal to or greater than the remaining value of the existing payment plan.	
H.	All of a customer's Telephone Company provided ISDN PRIs within the state will count towards the volume plan threshold. Volume plan customers may change the number of ISDN PRIs during the volume term period. In the event that a customer under a volume plan makes subsequent PRI increases or decreases that cause the total number of PRIs to fall within a different threshold level, all remaining ISDN PRIs will be billed at the applicable level rate for the remainder of the volume plan term period. The customer must provide the account information of the ISDN PRIs included in the volume plan at the time of the initial installation of service and with each change to the service.	(D) (D)
I.	Transfer of Service is permitted.	(Ç)
J.	<b>Relocation</b> - When a customer elects to relocate the PRI service to a different premises in a different state, prior to the expiration of a contract period, the service is considered to be disconnected, and termination liability applies. However, if the customer relocates to a location served by a suitably equipped central office within the same state and establishes a PRI contractual payment plan of equal or greater monetary value, the customer may relocate without incurring any termination liability. Installation charges for establishing the new service apply.	

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## 3. Digital Communications Services

#### 3.10 Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Services

ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
		Initial – NRC	935.00	
	Port	Initial – OPP 36 months – NRC –	300100	
		Monthly		
		(limited to customers of record on or		
		before July 20, 2006)	15.31	
		Initial – OPP 60 months – NRC –		
		Monthly	10.17	
		Initial – Month-to-month – Monthly	715.00	
		Initial – OPP 36 months – Monthly		
		(limited to customers of record on or		
		before July 20, 2006)	643.50	
		Initial – OPP 60 months – Monthly	572.00	
	1	2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1,		
		1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	409.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan- Package 2,		
		11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	390.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3,	300100	
		21+ PRIs - Monthly	371.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1,		
		1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	381.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 2,		
		11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	362.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3,		
		21+ PRIs - Monthly	344.00	
		Additional – At the same location ordered		
		at the same time –NRC – Each	460.00	
		Additional – At the same location ordered		
		at the same time – OPP 36 months –		
		NRC – Monthly		
		(limited to customers of record on or	45.07	
	=	before July 20, 2006) Additional – At the same location ordered	15.07	
		at the same time – OPP 60 months –		
		NRC – Monthly	10.01	
		Additional – At the same location ordered	10.01	
		at the same time – Month-to-month –		
		M4onthly	715.00	
	-	Additional – At the same location ordered		
		at the same time – OPP 36 months –		
		Monthly		
		(limited to customers of record on or		
		before July 20, 2006)	643.50	
	7	Additional – At the same location ordered	-	
		at the same time – OPP 60 months –		
		Monthly	572.00	

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3.10.2 ISDN Primary Service				
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC
	Local Distribution	Initial – NRC	675.00	
	Channel	Initial – OPP 36 months – NRC - Monthly	11.06	
		Initial – OPP 60 months – NRC - Monthly	7.35	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1, 1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	175.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 2, 11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	168.00	
		2-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3, 21+ PRIs - Monthly	160.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 1, 1 to 10 PRIs - Monthly	164.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 2, 11 to 20 PRIs - Monthly	156.00	
		3-Year VTPP Volume plan – Package 3, 21+ PRIs - Monthly	148.00	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time as the initial local distribution channel – NRC – Each	285.00	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time as the initial local distribution channel – OPP 36 months - NRC – Monthly	9.34	
		Additional – At the same location ordered at the same time as the initial local distribution channel – OPP 60 months - NRC – Monthly	6.20	
	Optional Capabilities	Calling Line Identification – NRC – Per port	62.00	
		Calling Line Identification – Month-to- Month – Monthly – Per port	130.00	
		Calling Line Identification – 2- or 3-Year Corporate Rewards plan or VTPP Volume plan – Monthly - Per port	40.00	
		Multiple Facility Signaling Control – NRC – Per configuration	44.00	

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ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC	
	Optional Capabilities	Multiple Facility Signaling Control – Monthly – Per configuration	60.00		
		Backup D Channel – NRC - Each	44.00		
		Backup D Channel – Monthly - Each	60.00		
		Channel Configuration – NRC – Per trunk group	480.00		
		Channel Configuration – Month-to-month - Monthly – Per trunk group	10.00		
		Channel Configuration – OPP 36 months - Monthly – Per trunk group	9.50		
		Channel Configuration – OPP 60 months - Monthly – Per trunk group	9.00		
		Intercom Capability – NRC – Per trunk	15.00		
		Intercom Capability – Month-to-month – Monthly - Per trunk	20.00		
		Intercom Capability – OPP 36 months – Monthly - Per trunk	19.00		
		Intercom Capability – OPP 60 months – Monthly - Per trunk	18.00		
		Network Ring Again – NRC – Per controlling D channel	325.00		
		Network Ring Again – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per controlling D channel	25.00		
		Network Ring Again – OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per controlling D channel	23.75		
		Network Ring Again – OPP 60 months – Monthly – Per controlling D channel	22.50		
		Calling Line Identification with Name – NRC – Per port	100.00		
		Calling Line Identification with Name – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per port	150.00		
		Calling Line Identification with Name – OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per port (limited to customers of record on or before July 20, 2006)	140.00		
		Calling Line Identification with Name – OPP 60 months – Monthly – Per port	130.00		

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3.10.2	ISDN Primary Service					
ID	Service Category	Rate Element	Rate	USOC		
	Optional Capabilities	Intercom Capability Package (10 or more B channels on 1 PRI) – Month-to-month – Monthly – Per port	200.00			
		Intercom Capability Package (10 or more B channels on 1 PRI) – OPP 36 months – Monthly – Per port	190.00			
		Intercom Capability Package (10 or more B channels on 1 PRI) – OPP 60 months – Monthly - Per port	180.00			
		PRI Station Detail Billing – Monthly – Per account	100.00			
		ISDN Primary Service Portability – Monthly – Per port	25.00			
	Circuit Switched Data	Option 1 – Note: No usage allowance	See Note			
	Usage	Option 1 – Per minute of use – Per account	.02			
		Option 2 – Monthly usage allowance – 250 hours – Per month – Per account	250.00			
		Option 2 – Per minute of use over monthly usage allowance – Per account	.008			
	Changes	Changes to a Call-by-Call Trunk Group – NRC – Per trunk group	365.00			

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